(b) whether the State Government of Kerala expressed its willingness to hand over land required for the project;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government would consider to accord sanction for the above project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) There is a proposal for construction of new international terminal complex at Trivandrum airport across the main runway on Chakkai side.

(b) and (c) For development of Trivandrum airport, 120 acres of land is to be acquired by Government of Kerala. 27 acres of land has been acquired by the State Government for construction of new terminal complex for Phase-I development. State Government has asked Airports Authority of India to take over the said land.

(d) Airports Authority of India has initiated the process of finalising the design and drawings of the terminal building. Accordingly, sanction by Government will be considered, after final proposals including the project cost are received and if they are found to be beyond the delegated powers of Airports Authority of India.

Restructuring of airports

1167. SHRI S.P.M SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposed projects for restructuring of the airports in the country through private sector participation; and

(b) the status of the implementation of those Government approved projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) With a view to improve the infrastructure facilities at Delhi and Mumbai airports to world class standards. GoI decided to restructure and modernize these two airports through the Joint Venture route with private sector participation. AAI and other Central PSUs are to hold 26% equity and balance 74% is to be held by the strategic

partner. 10 consortia responded to the Expression of Interest (EoI) sought by AAI in Feb, 2004 and 9 bidders have been short listed for submitting detailed technical and financial proposals.

A Plan has also been drawn by AAI for City Side Development of 25 Non-Metro Airports through JV participation, wherever possible. IFC and GTA have already been selected for conducting techno-economic feasibility study of ten non-metro airports. Expressions of Interest (EoIs) for appointment of Consultants have been issued for the remaining airports. Two Greenfields Projects at Bangalore and Hyderabad are also being implemented with strategic partners.

Appointment of insurance company by IA

1168. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IA has appointed any insurance company since the contract of the existing insurance company ended in September, 2004;

(b) if so, the details of the appointment made;

(c) the details of insurance companies to whom contracts have been awarded during the last five years, year-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that some deviation took place in the appointment of insurance company this year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Oriental Insurance Company Ltd. has been appointed as insurers for renewal of aviation insurance policy of Indian Airlines effective 1st October, 2004.

(c) Indian Airlines takes its aviation insurance policy from one of the four Public Sector Insurance Companies. Till the year 2000-01, the aviation insurance of the public sector airlines was handled by the General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC). Thereafter, GIC ceased to directly underwrite aviation insurance. The New India Assurance Company handled the Insurance of Indian Airlines for the years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04.